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TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Testimonial Resolution

Phyllis J. Edwards

A Champion of Leadership & Community Service

WHEREAS Phyllis J. Edwards is the Executive Director for Bridging Communities, a non-profit in Southwest Detroit whose primary focus is community development and eldercare. In 1998, Phyllis graduated from Marygrove College, magna cum laude, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. Having received a professional graduate fellowship to attend Wayne State University, she earned a Master of Social Work degree; *and*

WHEREAS Phyllis serves as a positive instrument of leadership in the strategic planning and visioning of an organization. She is very well accomplished and serves as the chair for Aging Services Consortium for Detroit, Treasurer for the Southeast Michigan Senior Regional Collaborative, member of the advisory board for the Detroit Area Agency on Aging 1A, and Board Chair for Community Development Advocates of Detroit. Phyllis is an advocate, facilitator, and field placement supervisor for Wayne State University, University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan, as well as Madonna University. She is a champion for senior citizens, a caterer, property developer, small business owner, educator, and a previous City of Detroit Police Reservist. From 2002-2010, Phyllis worked as a Family Independence Manager for the Greendale Department of Human Services where she developed plans and located resources to address clients and family problems. While working there, she also participated in employee grievance procedures, represented the agency in the community, developed budget recommendations for equipment and materials, formulated current and long range plans, and discussed and planned for agency operating needs. From 2008 to 2015, Phyllis owned Tailor Made, a Janitorial Service business in which she ensured conformance with policies, guidelines, and laws; supervised employees and managers, maintained records, prepared reports and correspondence, developed budgets for equipment and materials, and participated in the hiring process for managers and other employees. Phyllis has received awards from the All American Academic Scholars, Finalist women of Westland Athena award 2010, Marygrove College of Social Work Distinguished Alumni 2004, and 2018 Community Developer of the Year award; *and*

WHEREAS Phyllis is a facilitator/event coordinator with the McMillion Group where she facilitates citywide meetings for the Skillman Foundation Good Neighborhoods and other community organization workshops. She also currently serves as the Executive Director for Bridging Communities, a program to help improve the lives of seniors in Southwest Detroit with access to healthcare, delivery of healthy foods and reducing the isolation that comes from living alone. She is responsible for the programs and daily operations of BCI, supervising all staff including evaluations, meetings, case review and ongoing training. Over the last 38 years, Bridging Communities has helped thousands of seniors get to medical appointments, save their homes from scams or foreclosure, delivered hundreds of meals on wheels and focus hope food boxes, mowed lawns, and shoveled snow. In, 2018 the building received syndicate funding and by the end of 2019, it will be updated with reduced rent. Bridging Communities also has 24 townhomes specifically for grandparents who are raising grandchildren on their own. The work that Phyllis has done for Senior Citizens is extensive and appreciated. Phyllis is an advocate for the senior citizen community and continues to do outstanding work for Bridging Communities. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

WHEREAS That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones**, hereby extends congratulations to Phyllis J. Edwards, a compassionate, tenacious, and accomplished woman dedicated to serving her community.

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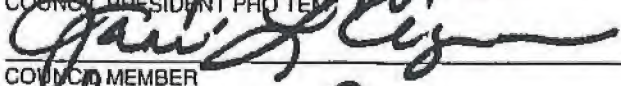

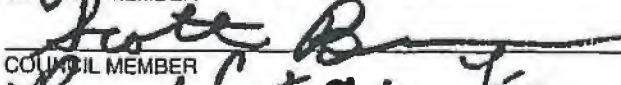



FEBRUARY 26, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution

BRIDGING COMMUNITIES INCORPORATED 38TH ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS, Bridging Communities, Incorporated** initially started as Project Seek and Visit the Elderly (S.A.V.E.) a program to help improve the lives of seniors in Southwest Detroit with access to healthcare, delivery of healthy foods and reducing the isolation that comes from living alone; and
- WHEREAS, Bridging Communities, Inc.** has helped thousands of seniors get medical appointments, save their homes from scams and foreclosure, delivered hundreds of Meals on Wheels and Focus Hope food boxes and they have shoveled tons of snow, as well as mowed lawns. In 1999, the highest achievement **Bridging Communities Inc.** accomplished was the development and completion of the Pablo David Elder Living Center. This 80 unit senior living community serves as a hub for social activities, cultural events and access to services. In 2018, the building received funding to be syndicated and by the end of 2019 it will also provide reduced rents thanks to the Section-8 vouchers that are attached to the project. **Bridging Communities Inc.** has an exceptional Land Contract program that allows those unable to obtain a regular mortgage the opportunity to fulfill their dreams of becoming homeowners. **Bridging Communities Inc.** also has 24 townhomes geared toward grandparents raising grandchildren, they advocate for intergenerational communities and they support this advocacy by providing two scholarships per year for college bound students attending college; and
- WHEREAS, For 38 years, Bridging Communities Inc.** continues to bring a diverse community together to uplift various cultures in the community through their community enrichment initiatives and accomplishments. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones** congratulates Bridging Communities Incorporated as they celebrate 38 years of bridging communities and changing the lives of Detroiters.

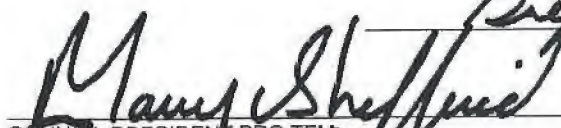

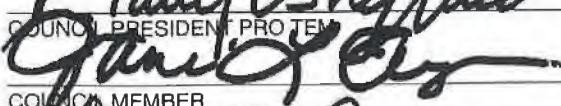

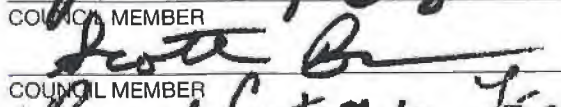
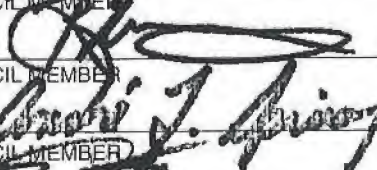
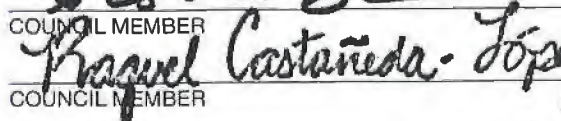

	
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February 26, 2019

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Testimonial Resolution
**METRO-DETROIT COALITION OF
 LABOR UNION WOMEN**
"Go Red for Women"

- WHEREAS,** The Coalition of Labor Union Women, fondly known as (CLUW) was founded in 1974, out of the need for women to have a more active role and voice in the labor movement and at the ballot box ; and
- WHEREAS,** In addition to the 1974 Statement of Purpose, the Coalition of Labor Union Women recognizes the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and other illnesses impacting women specifically in our communities and has pledged to work with designated agencies to bring awareness, prevention, education and attention to their mission; and
- WHEREAS,** As part of the Metro-Detroit Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women's ongoing health initiatives and continued annual partnership and commitment to the GO RED CAMPAIGN, CLUW strives to bring about awareness and empowerment to inspire and educate union women uninsured and underinsured women to focus on eliminating risky behaviors, mental stress, controlling, building and incorporating healthier habits into their busy lifestyles to free themselves of cardiovascular disease. The 2019 goal of the Metro-Detroit Chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, (CLUW) is to emphasize the important process of this incredible healthy and hard-working organ, the heart. We want to spread the word about the warning signs, symptoms, risks factors, early detection, family history, prevention and treatment in order to reduce the chances of suffering a heart attack (or stroke) tomorrow; and
- WHEREAS,** The membership of the Metro-Detroit Chapter of the Coalition Of Labor Union Women (CLUW) will show their commitment to eradicating heart disease by wearing the symbolic red dress pin and spreading the word about cardiovascular disease, stroke and other heart related illnesses, not only in February, but throughout the year. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the **Detroit City Council** and office of **Council President Brenda Jones** commend CLUW for the contributions and assistance they provide to the "GO RED FOR WOMEN CAMPAIGN" in developing action programs to meet the changing and challenging healthcare needs of working women (and men) throughout the Metropolitan Detroit area.

	
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